

I am looking forward eagerly to working with you closely during these next four years in a common task. It will be our purpose individually and collectively, to discharge to the limit of our capacity the responsibilities we have as servants of the people who elected us to office. I welcome the opportunity, as I know you do, to make whatever contribution I can to the betterment of our great State. My office will be open to each of you at all times during the session, and I assure you that it will be a pleasure to me, and to the members of my staff, to assist you in any way possible in the performance of your duties as lawmakers.

In conclusion, let me say again that I am happy to welcome you to Annapolis and that I consider it both a pleasure and a privilege to have this opportunity to work with you during the next four years to provide good government for the people of Maryland.

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Let me at the outset express my gratitude to radio station WBAL for inviting me to appear on the "Annapolis Index" program again this year to extend New Year's greetings to all my friends in Maryland. It is my sincere wish that the New Year which is about to begin will bring to all of us happiness, prosperity and good health.

The celebration of the advent of a New Year is for all of us a time of rejoicing, high spirits and good fellowship. Every heart is filled with excitement as we gather with friends to ring out the old year and ring in the new. We mortals of course cannot know whether this new period in time will bring us good fortune or ill fortune. We face it nevertheless in a spirit of optimism and courage, having faith that we will be able to overcome the obstacles and enjoy the new experiences that are sure to come.

While New Year's Day is a time for merriment, it is also an occasion for serious reflection. We look back upon the twelve months that have passed, recall the events which have occurred and try to pronounce a sound judgment upon what we have accomplished and what we have failed to accomplish. And with this critical appraisal of our deeds and failures, we try to lay a solid foundation for the year ahead.